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Applicants: GARY A. KASPER ET AL.
For: PROTECTANT APPLICATION
Docket No. 71189-1383

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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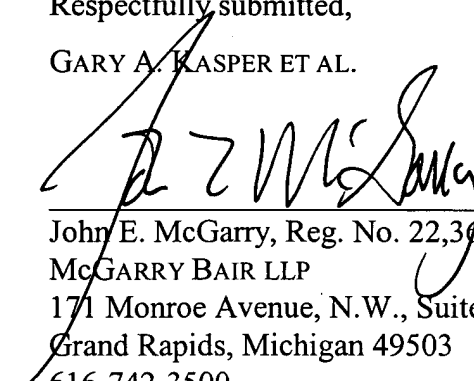
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Respectfully submitted,

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